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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON
THE APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE OF THE
NEW RIVER UTILITY COMPANY

On August 12, 2001, New River Utility Company ("Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an approximately 80 percent rate increase. The actual percentage rate increase for individual customers will vary depending upon the type and quantity of service provided. Copies of the Company's application and proposed tariffs are available at its office and the Commission's offices for public inspection during regular business hours. The Docket No. assigned to this matter is W-01737 A-01-0662.

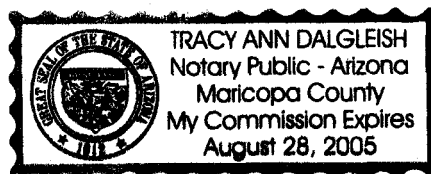
The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning June 6, 2002, at 10:00 A.M., at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken at the commencement of the hearing.

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Intervention shall be permitted to any person entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter. Persons desiring to intervene must file a written motion to intervene with the Commission, which motion should be sent to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record, and which, at the minimum, shall contain the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the proposed intervenor and of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made if different than the intervenor.
2. A short statement of the proposed intervenor's interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.)
3. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before February 28, 2002. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any customer from appearing at the hearing and making a statement on the customer's own behalf.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting Shelly M. Hood, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602-542-3931, E-mail shood@cc.state.az.us. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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